# NGOP Tutorial (Part I)

Learning to use NGOP Services

#### Class Goals

- To provide general information about NGOP architecture and basic understanding of NGOP terminology.
- To show where to find and how to use archived information
- To demonstrate how to navigate NGOP Web and Java Monitors.
- To explain the NGOP concepts of "object that is known to be out of service", maintenance intervals, service type.
- To demonstrate how to use Web Admin tool

## Agenda

- NGOP Overview.
  - Terminology
  - Architecture
  - Monitoring Agents
- NGOP Archiver
- NGOP GUI
  - Web Monitor
  - NGOP Java Monitor
- NGOP Web Admin Tool

#### What is NGOP?

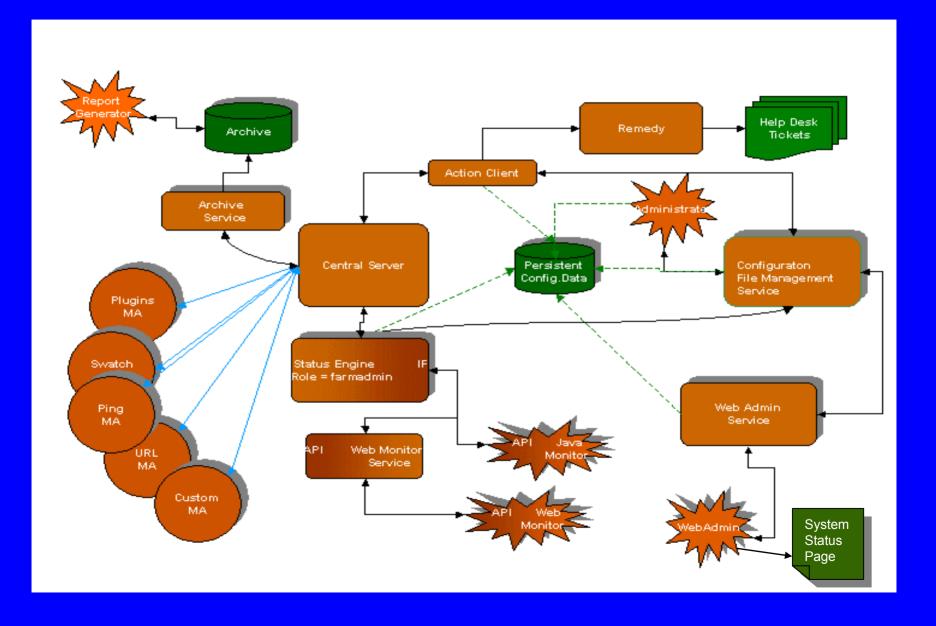
NGOP is a distributed monitoring system.

#### Main features:

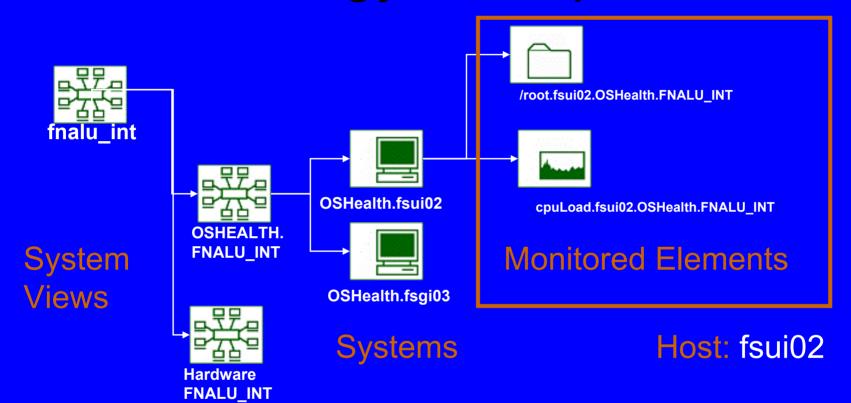
- Active monitoring of software and hardware
- Customizable service-level reporting
- Early error detection and problem prevention
- Persistent storage of collected data
- Capable of executing corrective actions and sending notifications

NGOP is a framework for developing monitoring tools.

#### **NGOP Architecture**



# Terminology Example



# Terminology

- Host: computer or an entity with an assigned IP address, identified by its name. (e.g. "fsui02")
- Cluster: collection of Hosts that have a common usage or purpose and is uniquely identified by its name. (e.g. "FNALU\_INT")
- Monitored objects
  - Monitored element (ME): atomic entity that is monitored by NGOP. It has a well-defined behavior, A ME is located on a particular Host and belongs to a particular System. Each ME has a unique id that consists of the ME name, the Host name, the System name and the Cluster name. (e.g. file system – "/root")
  - System: set of MEs that are logically integrated into one unit monitored by NGOP. A System is defined on a Cluster and may be distributed across multiple Hosts. A System has a unique id that consists of the System name and the Cluster name. (e.g system "OSHealth" that consists of system daemons, file system, system usage measurements that are crucial for operating system normal operation)
- Hierarchy of monitored objects
  - System view: logical collection of Systems, Monitored Elements and System Views. A System View is identified by its name and created by a user/administrator in order to create hierarchical structure in the NGOP Monitor. (e.g. system view "fnalu\_int" that collects all the systems related to fnalu interactive cluster)

# Terminology cont'd

NGOP components are exchanging messages. The behavior of NGOP component strongly depends on content of the message. There are several types of message:

- Event and Alarm:
  - Events and Alarms can be generated by various NGOP components. They describe a detected condition.
  - Event identifies the actual current problem (e.g. fan speed is below 3000).
  - Alarm characterizes the condition that could cause problem in future (e.g cpu load between 4 and 8)



Alarm

#### Action:

- Action messages can be generated by various NGOP components. They describe the current state of the action.
  - Request Message (e.g start remote action).
  - "Started" and "Ended" Message
  - Info Message (notification about local action)

# Event/Alarm Message Structure

- Date: unix time of detected condition
- ID: unique name
- Type: type of monitored object (e.g. System Daemon, Hardware,...)
- Event Type and Name: an aspect of the monitored element that contributed to event initiation (e.g if type is "FileSystem" then Event Type could be "local" or "nfs" and Event Name could be "size")
- Event Value: the current measurements that are associated with that aspect of the monitored element (e.g. "speed: 2000" for fan speed)
- State: Up, Down, Unknown
- Severity Level of Alarm: Good, Warning, Error, Unknown, Undefined, Not In Service
- Status: Defined by Status Engine Good, Warning, Error, Bad, Undefined, Unknown
- Description: human readable explanation of the occurred event
- Source: the name of the Monitoring Agent

#### Example:

Date=1039009139.88 ID=dev60cgi.fncdug1.misweb.MISCOM

Type=webpage EventType=URLCheck EventValue=0

Description=Check\_of\_http://fncdug1.fnal.gov:7777/dev60cgi/f60cgi\_for\_/module= MISCOMP/\_succeeded.

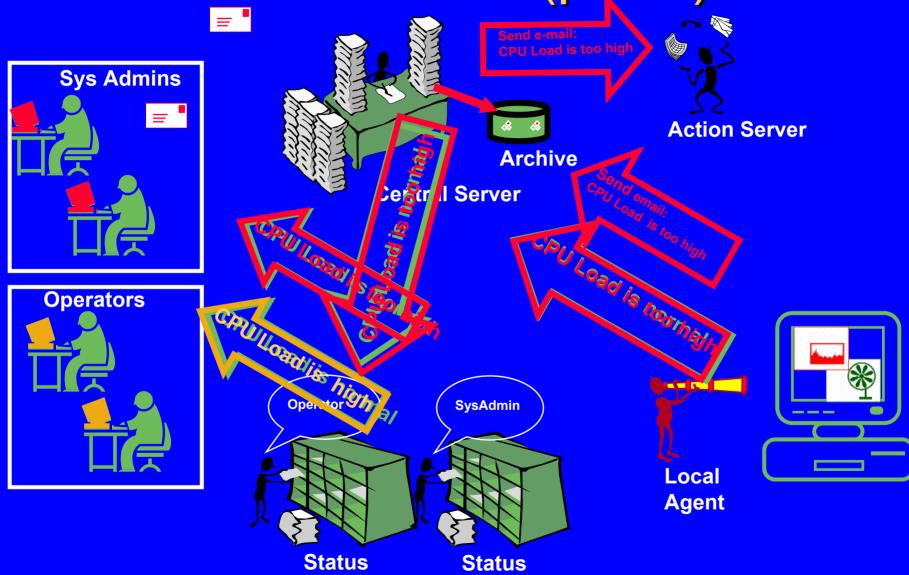
SevLevel=0 State=1 Source=misc\_URL\_agent\_ngopsrv.ma\_ngopsrv

#### **Monitoring Agents**

Monitoring Agents (MA) are processes that monitor monitoring objects and report a status to the NCS. NGOP provides a basic set of MA's, but users are free to write their own:

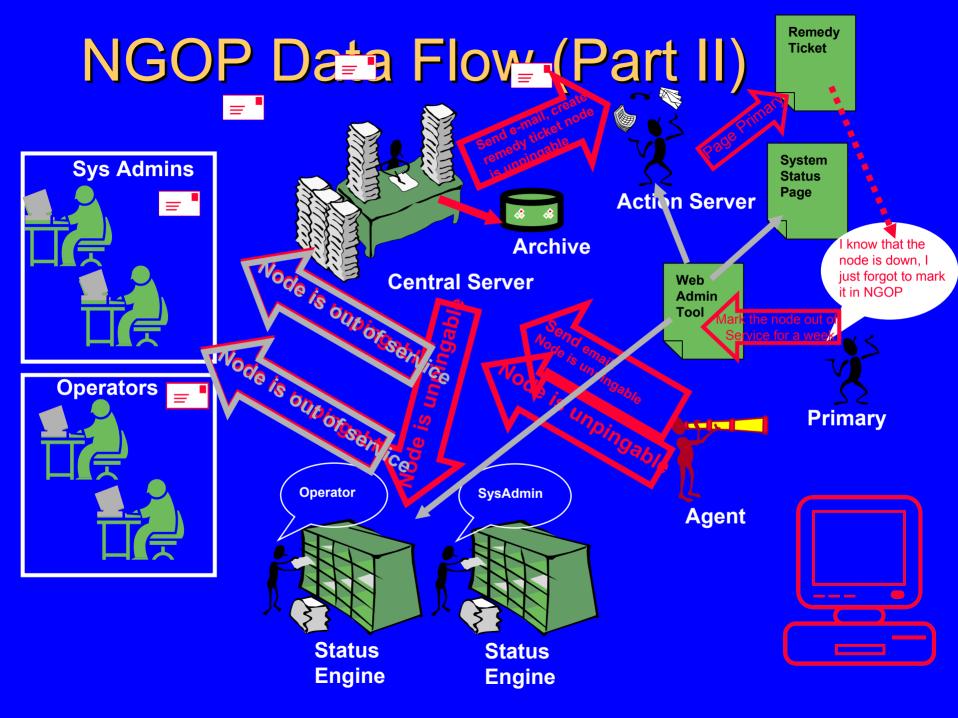
- Distributed Centralized Agents:
  - Ping Agent
  - URL Agent
- Local Agent
  - Swatch Agent
  - Health Agent
- Custom Agents:
  - FBSNG Batch
  - Enstore Cron

# NGOP Data Flow (part I)



**Engine** 

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#### NGOP Archiver

- Responsible for storing/retrieving messages generated by NGOP.
- Data stored in Oracle database
- Cleanup process runs daily 14 days of data is available.
- Archive server caches messages from the NGOP Central Server. A separate process (Database Interface) periodically reads cached messages and puts them in Oracle.
- "Best effort" used to store messages. Some messages may be dropped.
- MISCOMP type web based interface.

#### **Archive Web Interface**

for the distributed management system capable of efficiently running Fermilab's computing facility. We were Web Admin looking for pro-active tools that provide self-management of different operating systems and mission-critical Archive Log applications. The requirements have been finalized by September of 1999 and the evaluation of available Users Guide Select Archive Log (commercial and freeware) products has been fulfilled by December of 1999. Announcements Terminology Based on product evaluation the decision to develop on site Distributed Monitoring System was made. First NGOP Talks and Papers prototype was released in January of 2001 to monitor mainly Fermilab Computing Farms. Requirements valuated Products Two subsequent pre-production releases were made in September and December of 2001 and interface to Project Schedule urrent - v2\_0b Computing Division Helpdesk system was enabled. At this time the NGOP service was monitoring about 550 nodes Java Monitor (Quick Start) and 11000 quantities. Web Admin Tutorial Design Documentation From the main NGOP page, The current version (v2 0b) was released on November 21,2002. It is monitoring 1477 nodes and 35000 quantities. Weekly Meetings Summary Further improvements of the system are in progress and new monitored nodes/objects are being added. NGOP Internal Pages click "Archive Log" Legal Notices .egal Notices FCS Home Page || ISD Home Page || CD Home Page || FNAL Home Page Please, send comments about this project to NGOP group. Please, send comments about this page to FCS group. This page was updated on 11/21/02

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The rapid increase in the number of computers for Fixed Target experiments experiments and changes for Run II computing add to the complexities of operating and managing of a large computing facility at Fermilab. The Next Generation Operations working group (NGOP) was created in Summer of 1999 in order to gather the requirements

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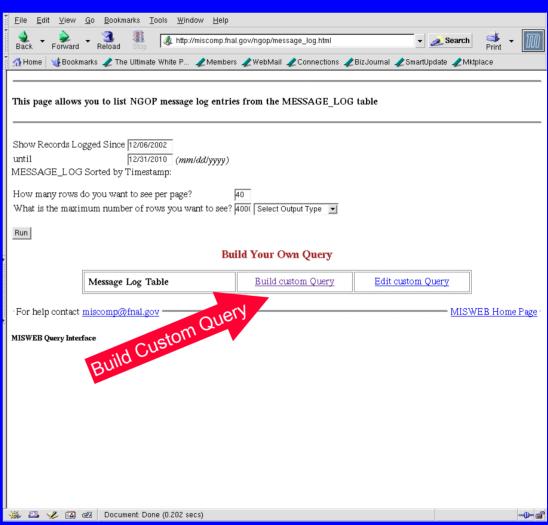
# Archive Main Page

#### Two selections:

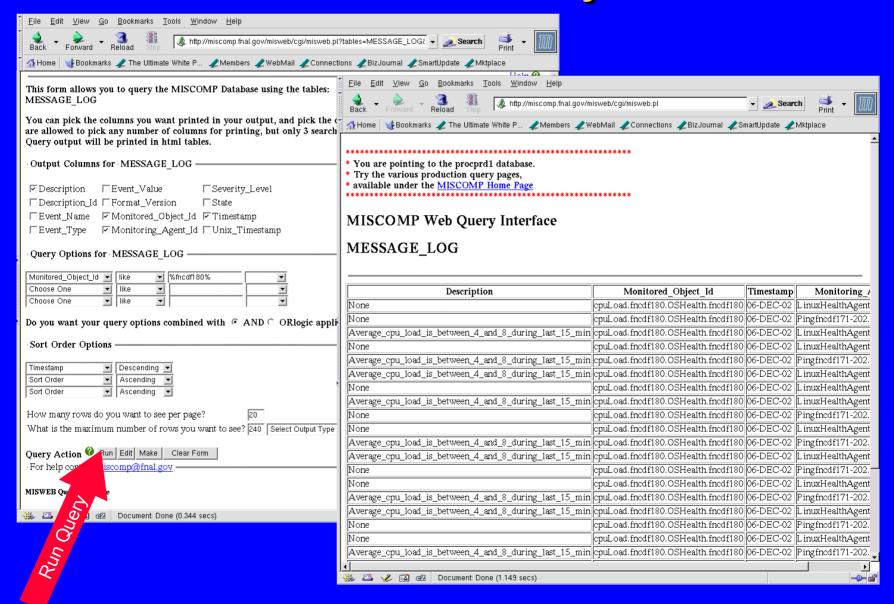
- Message Log
  - NGOP messages
- Action Log
  - NGOP actions (Page, email, etc...)

# Query Page

- Default query is to select on a range of dates (00:01 of current day to present)
- 40 rows/page, 4000 max rows selected is the default.
- Build Custom Query link allows for more sophisticated queries.



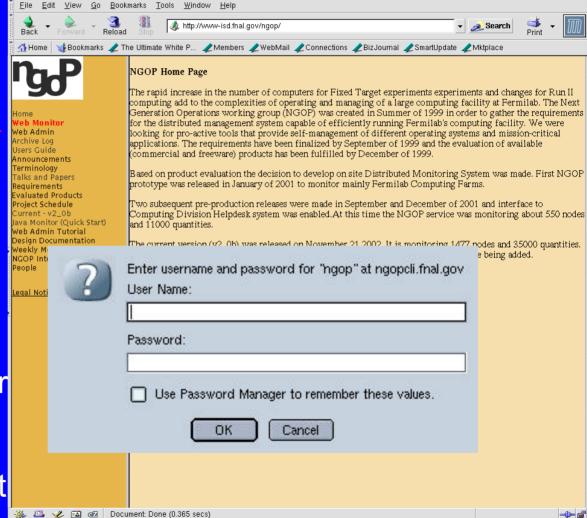
# **Archive Custom Query**



#### NGOP Web Monitor

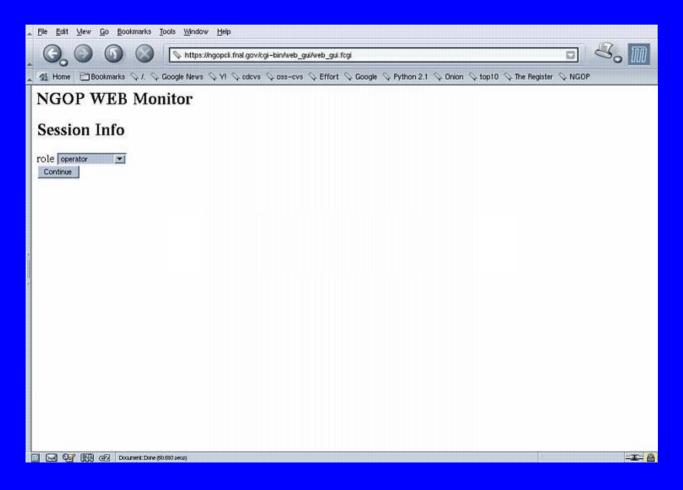


- Login required
- Same login as for Web Admin Tool (Known Status) Helpdesk can get you a password



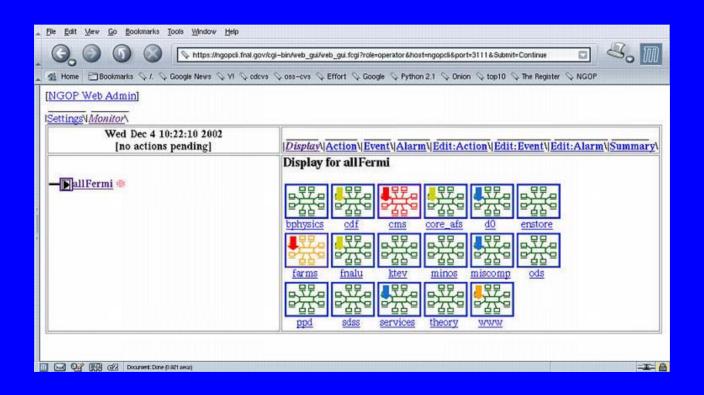
#### Monitor: Startup

Initially you choose a "Role" which maps to a Status Engine Common roles: operator, admin

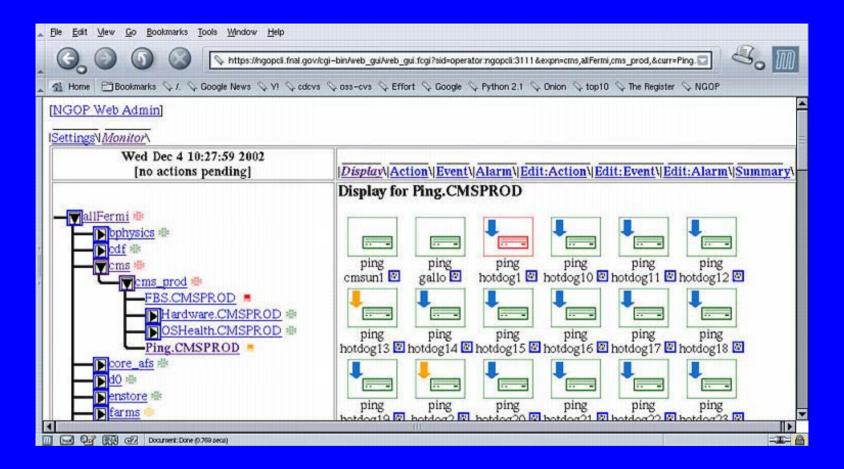


#### Monitor: Tabs

#### Pick tabs to display different things

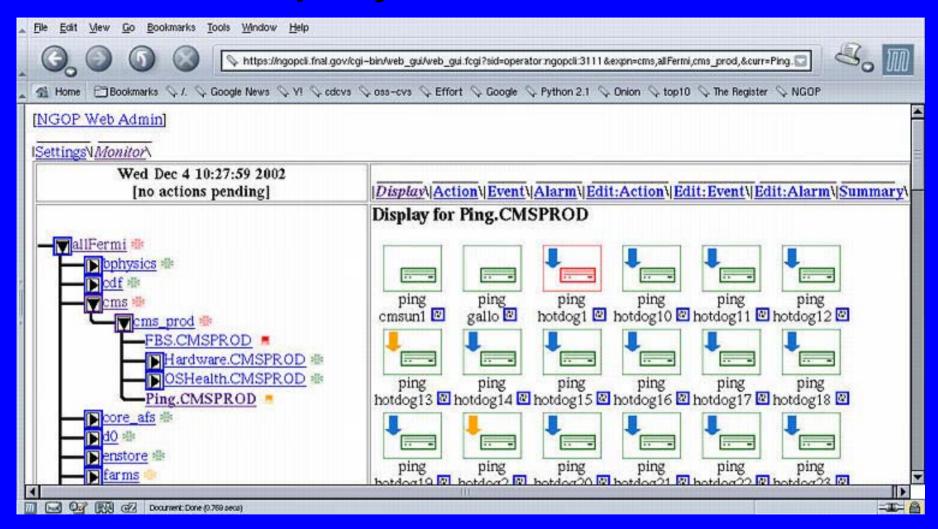


#### Monitor: Left Side

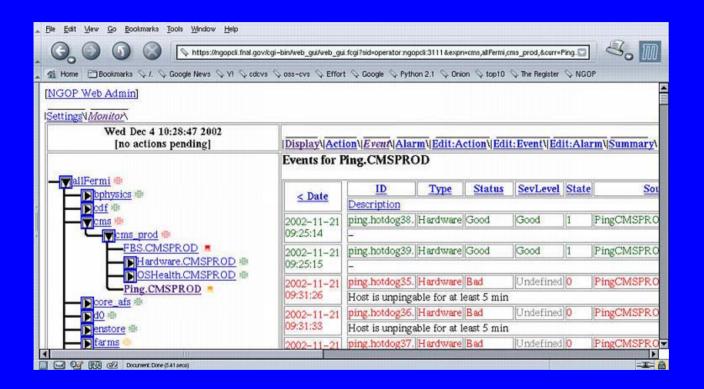


- Displays component hierarchy
- Unfold with [>] buttons

# Tab: Display

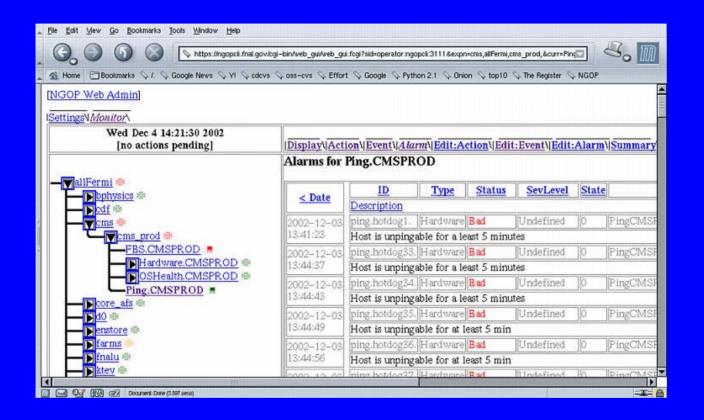


#### Tab: Event



Shows History of Events
Column headings are sort-by links

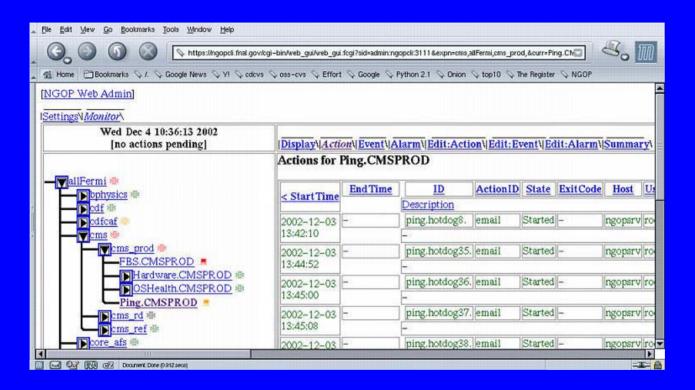
#### Tab: Alarm



Shows History of Alarms

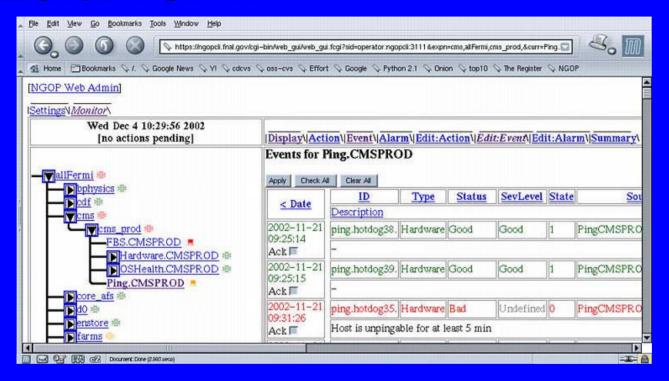
Column headings are sort-by links

#### Tab: Action



Shows history of Actions for components Column headings are sort-by links

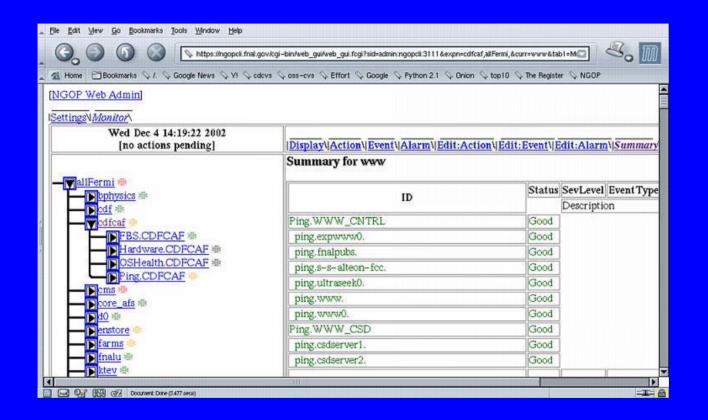
# Edit:Action, Edit:Event, Edit:Alarm



Like Action, Event, Alarm, except:

- doesn't refresh
- has checkboxes to acknowledge

## **Tab: Summary**



Lists 2 layers of hierarchy
Lists last 2 Event/Alarms for each component
Always sorted by ID

#### **NGOP Java Monitor**

- It is described at: <a href="http://www-isd.fnal.gov/ngop/">http://www-isd.fnal.gov/ngop/</a> Quick Start); or directly at: <a href="http://www-isd.fnal.gov/ngop/v2\_0/ngop\_jm\_v2\_0b.html">http://www-isd.fnal.gov/ngop/v2\_0/ngop\_jm\_v2\_0b.html</a>
- For the purpose of this tutorial jmonitor jar file can be downloaded from: http://www-isd.fnal.gov/ngop/v2 0/jars/ngop gui.jar
- If java "1.4" is installed properly on a given machine jmonitor can be run by issuing:
  - java -jar ngop\_gui.jar

# Jmonitor – quick start

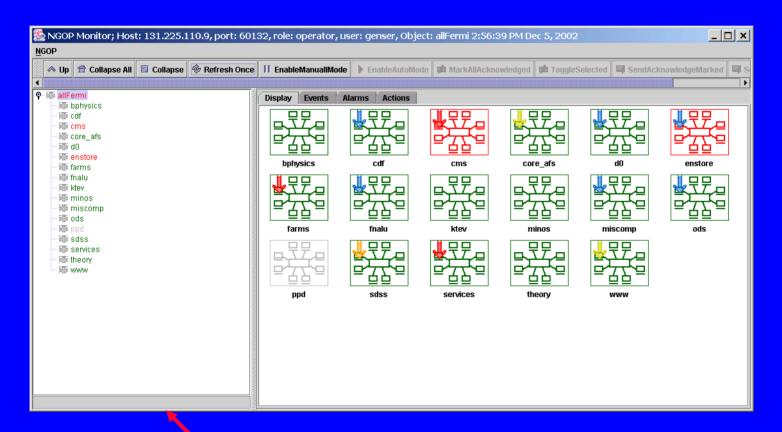
 After issuing java -jar ngop\_gui.jar one should see a window similar to:



Please select a role and click Start NGOP Monitor

# Jmonitor – quick start, cont'd

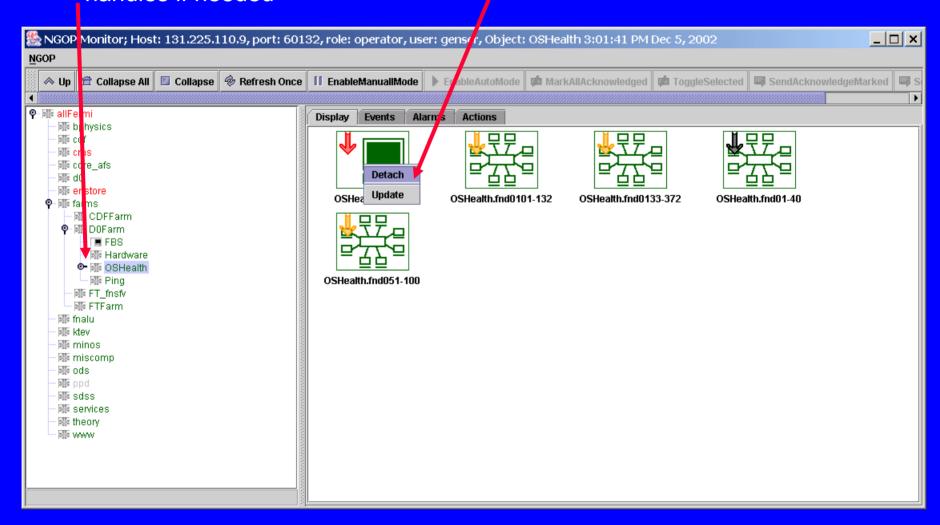
After a role is selected a window similar to the one below should appear:



# Jmonitor – navigating the tree

Clicking creates expand/collapse handles if needed

Right Click shows a submenu



# Jmonitor – navigating the tree

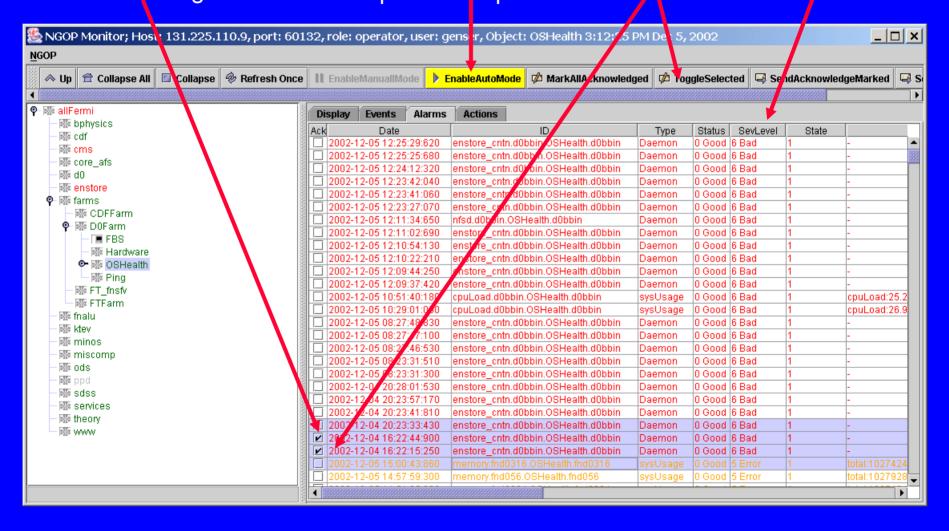
- Browse the tree by clicking on the tree nodes or elements of the Display tab. The (default) Display tab will show the selected elements. Right clicking on the Display tab elements will show a detach/update menu for the elements which allow the operations.
- "Up", "Collapse All" and "Collapse" buttons affect the way the tree is displayed.
- It may take 10-15sec to refresh the views depending on the machine and system load or the amount of information to be retrieved

# Jmonitor – using history panes

Items marked for acknowledgement

Selected marks can be toggled
Updates suspended

Sorted by SevLevel



# Jmonitor – using history panes

- The other tabs: Events, Alarms, Actions show tables of history items reverse sorted by time.
- The sort order can be (temporarily, for now) changed by clicking or "double clicking" (or "shift clicking") on the table column headers.
  - The refreshing (which will restore the time sort)
     can be suspended by pressing the
     "EnableManuallMode" button.
- "EnableAutoMode" button will restore the automatic refreshing of the information

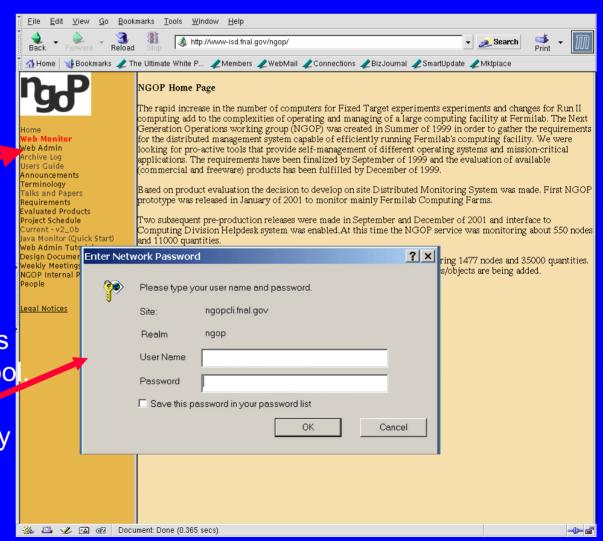
#### Jmonitor – how to exit it

- Jmonitor updates message field in the lower left corner before performing potentially long operations
- •One exits the jmonitor by either closing the window or using the NGOP->Exit menu (or by Control-c or equivalent which is a non-confirm exit path)

#### Web Admin Tool

From the main NGOP page, click "Web Admin"

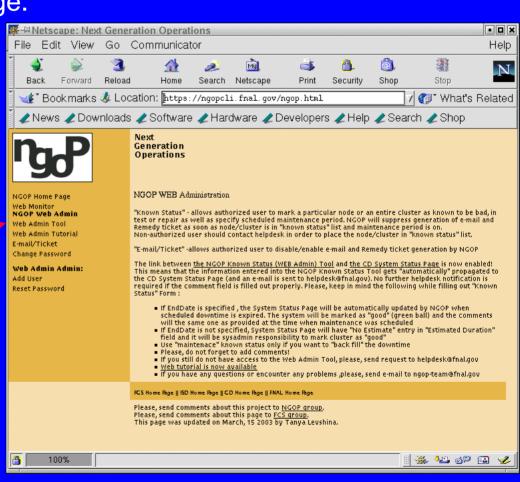
Only authorized user has access to Web Admin Too.
The username and the password are provided by Helpdesk



# NGOP Web Admin Page

Web Admin Page contains the multiple useful links that include Web Monitor, Web Admin Tutorial, E-mail/Remedy Ticket control page and the password managing page.

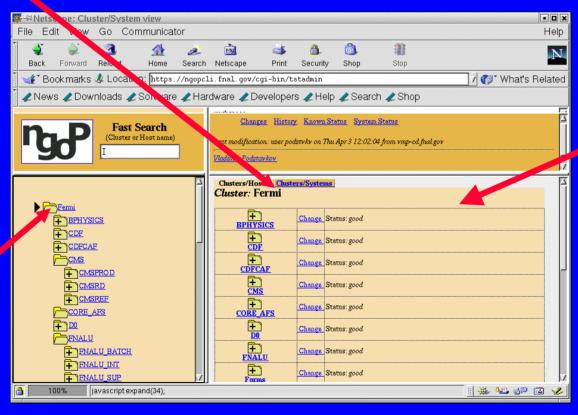
Click on "Web Admin Tool"



# Web Admin Main Page

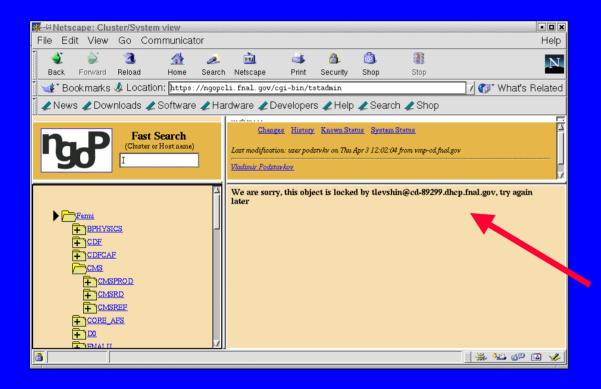
Two different views are available: Cluster/Hosts (hardware hierarchy) and Cluster/ Systems (monitored objects hierarchy)

Left frame contains cluster tree, which you will use for navigation. If you click on the folder icon, the subfolders will appear. If you click on the cluster name. the cluster content will appear in the large right frame



Right frame contains objects that belong to current cluster Each object is represented by icon with the name, the current known status, the start and the end date of the maintenance period and some short comment for it.

#### Access Lock



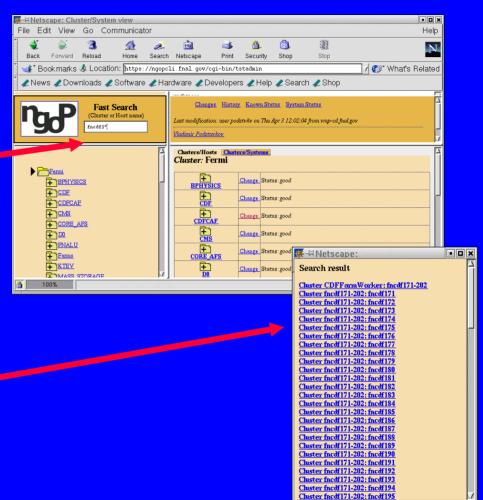
Sometimes (not very often) you can see the top right frame with "Object locked" warning. It means that someone is using the service and isn't done with the changes yet.

The lock expiration time is set to 15 minutes.

# Search within the NGOP Hierarchy

Input the pattern for the name using "?" for the single character and "\*" for the sequence and hit Enter key

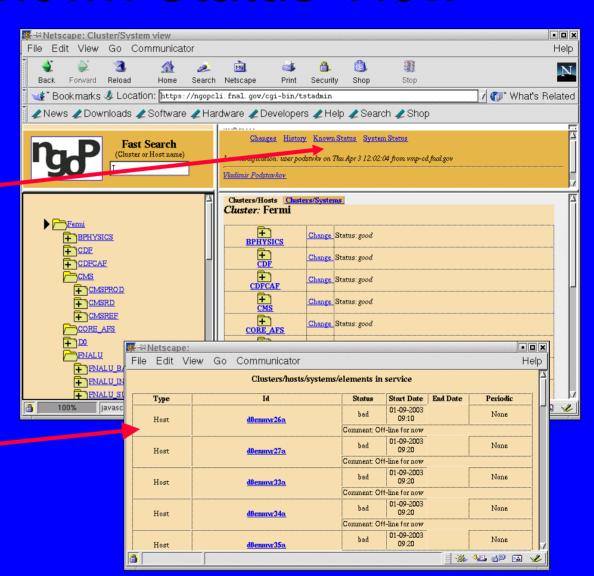
The result will appear with the list of the names which comply with the pattern. Click on each name and the object will appear in the large right frame of the main window



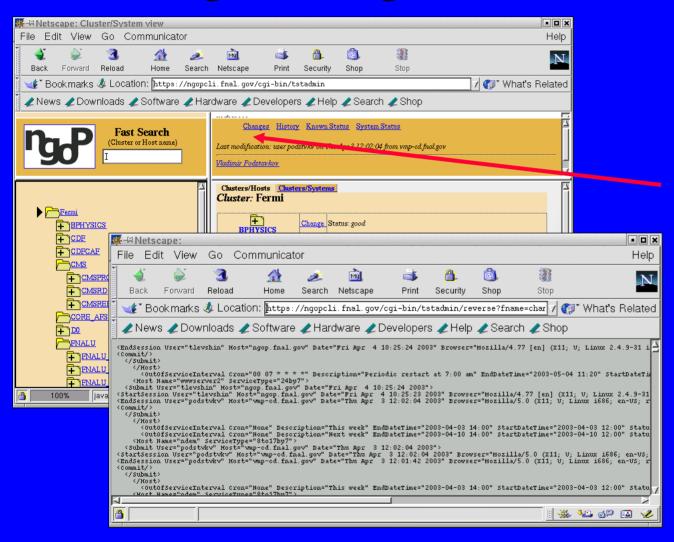
## **Current Known Status View**

Click on "Known Status" to see "out of service" clusters, hosts, systems or monitored elements.

New window will appear with the list of all objects with the maintenance period set. Each name is a link that can used it to find the object



# **Changes Log View**



Click on "Changes" to see all changes that were made since Monday 6:00 AM the current week

# Change the Known Status

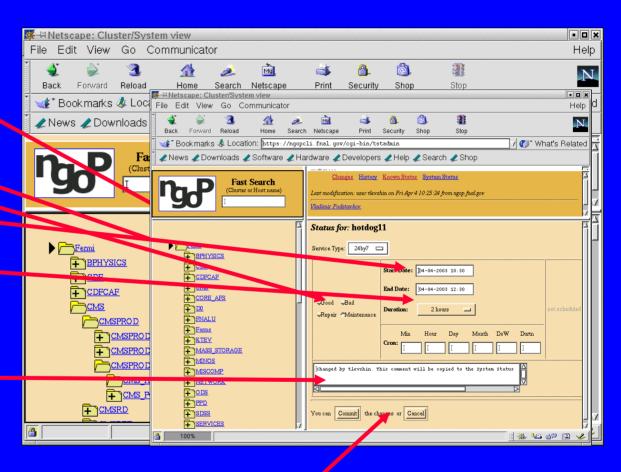
Find the element you want to change.

Clik "Change"

Choose status Modify start date

Select "Duration" or fill out End Date

Fill the comments field (the comments will be seen on Status Page)

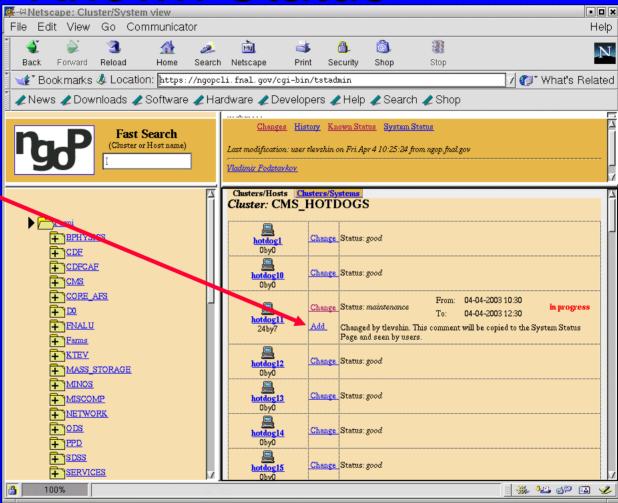


Click on "Commit" when all necessary modification are done on the selected page

(Click on "Cancel" to remove all changes)

# Add new Known Status

You can schedule multiple service Intervals. Choose "Add" to add new Known Status.



#### Remote Access

There are two primitive scripts for two basic operations which allow to submit the changes for one object at a time and to commit the changes after one or more submissions. These scripts can be used in any custom script

#### An example of a simple session using these scripts:

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Change the status of fncdfl host in the cluster CDFFarm1 to 'bad'
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> rsh -l ngopadmin ngopcli python /home/ngopadmin/Zope/submit.py \ CDFFarm1 fncdf1 host bad

#### Change the status of fncdfl host in the cluster CDFFarm1 to 'bad' with the start date, end date and the comment.

> rsh -l ngopadmin ngopcli python /home/ngopadmin/Zope/submit.py \
CDFFarm1 fncdf2 host bad '"07-12-2002 10:00"' \
'"07-12-2002 16:00"' '"This is just a test"'

#### Commit the changes

> rsh -l ngopadmin ngopcli python /home/ngopadmin/Zope/commit.py

# Summary

- What you should learn by now:
  - What is NGOP and whom to blamed when you are paged at 3 am
  - How to mark the node, cluster and monitored object out of service, so nobody would page you at 3 am
  - How to navigate through NGOP Monitor in order to see what really happened
- Feedback is desperately needed!!!
  - It is nice to gather requirements before the new version is released
  - The various complains/comments allows us to understand how to improve the product

## Where to Get More Information

- Other training sessions will include:
  - NGOP XML
    - General overview of XML
    - General structure of NGOP XML configuration
  - NGOP Monitoring Agents:
    - "centralized" agents and how to request the new object to be monitored
      - Ping Agent
      - URL Agent
    - Swatch Agent
    - Plugins Agent
    - How to write your own agent using API
  - NGOP Hierarchy definition and status rules
    - How to write your own configuration using NGOP XML
    - NGOP Administration and Installation

## Where to Get More Information

- URL: <a href="http://www-isd.fnal.gov/ngop">http://www-isd.fnal.gov/ngop</a>
- E-mail: ngop-team@fnal.gov